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MUCH TO WHAT YOU HAVE TOLD HIM, WHICH HITS THE RIGHT NOTE.
WE WANT HIM TO KNOW, HOWEVER, THAT WE ARE LISTENING, THAT

HIS VIEWS ARE APPRECIATED AND TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT, AND THAT WE ATTACH IMPORTANCE TO KUWAIT'S UNDERSTANDING OF AND SUPPORT FOR SADAT'S INITIATIVE. YOU MAY DRAW ON THE FOLLOWING AS OUR RESPONSE TO HIM.

2. ANY NEGOTIATION ON ISSUES SO COMPLEX HAS UPS AND DOWNS BUT WE CONTINUE TO FEEL PRESIDENT SADAT'S INITIATIVE WAS REAL BREAKTHROUGH, THAT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE, AND THERE IS REAL PROSPECT OF MOVING ON TO COMPREHENSIVE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS. NEGOTIATIONS ARE PROCEEDING ON SEVERAL TRACKS. PRESIDENT SADAT'S VISIT IS EVIDENCE OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S DETERMINATION TO KEEP US FULLY INVOLVED IN PROCESS. WE AGREE WITH GOK THAT GOAL REMAINS A CONFERENCE OF TYPE ORIGINALLY PLANNED FOR GENEVA WITH BROAD PARTICIPATION TO ACHIEVE REAL AND COMPREHENSIVE PEACE. WE

BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THIS WILL TAKE TIME, PATIENT EFFORT AND WILL HAVE TO MOVE THROUGH SERIES OF STAGES TO RESOLVE THE VERY DIFFICULT ISSUES. WE BELIEVE KUWAIT'S UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT FOR THIS PROCESS AND FOR PRESIDENT SADAT'S COURAGEOUS INITIATIVE IS OF CRUCIAL IMPORTANCE.

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